

has encouraged us not to offer frivolous amendments, I do not consider this one. Quite simply what this is, is once again an amendment dealing with the tuition at the Kearney State College. I don't have to spend a whole lot of time detailing my reasons why, but if you will look at the long sheet just handed to you I'll explain the amendment to you. If you remember last time I offered and withdrew it to make a point that if you wanted to raise Kearney tuition up to the level of UNO by the time they entered into the university system, you talk about a very sizeable increase, because the Kearney tuition is much lower than UN-L or UN-O's. I would do that to make a point because that is what you would have to do if, when Kearney becomes a university as we will vote on 247 how it becomes so, that is what it would be. I think we need to phase it up. Well I came back with what I'm going to call a much more reasonable amendment, I am offering here today which is simply, if you look at the lower left-hand corner of the sheet, you will see what it does to tuition rates at Kearney. It basically increases them 2 percent over and above the other state colleges next year and 3 percent over and above the other state colleges the year after that so you can see it is a marginal difference. We are basically making a policy statement that, yes, Kearney State is going to become a part of the university and yes, since we are going to divorce it from the state colleges so, therefore, we should start working on changing those tuition rates. Now to give you a better illustration of what we are talking about, if you look at the right-hand side of this data, you will look at particularly the percentage of the state colleges as it relates to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, at our tuition rates. You can see the undergraduate rates at the state colleges are maintained at a 75 percent above UNL's is, whereas UN-O is a 93 now and because we did not increase them 5 percent this year it is a little less than that. Their undergraduate rates, I mean their graduate rates is about 60 percent of what UNL's graduate tuition rate per credit hour is. This amendment, you would just marginally be changing Kearney's so it is, it is marginally above state colleges. As you can see if you do nothing it is 75 percent, the undergraduate tuition rate would be 75 percent at the university. Under this amendment it would be 76 percent next year and 79 percent the year after that. Now obviously the forces at Kearney still would not like this amendment. The difference between, another difference between this amendment and the last amendment I introduced is this amendment would allow them to keep the money. So basically what you are doing is you are increasing the dollars available to Kearney State